

## NCO Academy Honor Code

The concept of the Honor Code among soldiers evolved centuries ago when individuals first banded together in order to establish a system for defending their land and property. Through the years, servicemen and women have grown from small bands into well organized groups. In all such groups, leadership positions and Honor Codes have developed with them. The leaders established guidelines and regulations, which were carried out and enforced by their subordinates.

Subordinates also relied on the honesty and integrity of their leaders. This situation persists in our present day Army. Leaders still rely on the honesty and integrity of the soldier, and your word is accepted as truth. However, if your actions are such that, honesty and integrity may be questioned; the leader not only jeopardizes their position and status, by the position and status of those who work for them. The basic concept of the Honor Code is that a noncommissioned officer does not lie, cheat, or steal. In its most practical application, it means that an individual's word is his/her bond. Attendance reports are presumed to be correct since they are rendered by noncommissioned officers.

The I Corps Noncommissioned officer Academy Honor Code system operates on the principle that integrity is an essential attribute. It is not designed to stifle individual academic freedom, preclude the sharing of knowledge, or interaction with fellow students; however, all graded requirements, oral, written, or hands-on must be an individual effort.

**As a leader and student, I will always tell the truth and keep my word.**

**I am above dishonesty, cheating, quibbling, evasive statements, and tricky wording.**

**I will always respect the property rights of others and the government.**

**I am aware that my signature is my bond.**

**If I violate the Honor Code, I expect neither immunity nor special treatment.**

**I am honor bound to report any breach of honor that comes to my attention.**